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Dear Ms. Adams:

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes proposed by the Indiana State Department of Health ("ISDH") and contained in LSA Document 06-426, which amends 410 IAC 1-4-8. The proposed amendment updates sterilization requirements contained in the Universal Precautions Rule. Under current rules, affected entities are required to document that biological indicators for sterilization equipment were used within thirty days of the current sterilization procedure. The amendment will require documentation that biological indicators were used seven days prior to the current sterilization procedure.

The impact statement provided by ISDH indicates that the provisions of the rule will not create any new reporting costs or economic costs for affected entities. ISDH has also indicated that the changes contained in the rule are consistent with accreditation requirements set forth by many national regulatory agencies. Additionally, the rule changes will help promote a higher level of patient safety and could potentially reduce patient health and financial costs by reducing the likelihood of exposure to communicable diseases. The IEDC does not object to the economic impact associated with the rule changes.

If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 232-8962 or rasberry@iedc.in.gov.

Regards,

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